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APPLICATION (TO DESIGNATED OFFICES WHICH

DO NOT APPLY THE 30 MONTH TIME LIMIT

UNDER ARTICLE 22(1))

(PCT Rule 47.1(c))

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1. **ATTENTION:** For any designated Office(s), for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002 (30 months from the priority date), **does apply**, please see Form PCT/IB/308(Second and Supplementary Notice) (to be issued promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date).

2. Notice is hereby given that the following designated Office(s), for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, **does not apply**, has/have requested that the communication of the international application, as provided for in Article 20, be effected under Rule 93bis.1. The International Bureau has effected that communication on the date indicated below:
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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c-bis)(i), those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

3. The following designated Offices, for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, **does not apply**, have not requested, as at the time of mailing of the present notice, that the communication of the international application be effected under Rule 93bis.1:

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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c-bis)(ii), those Offices accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the Contracting State for which that Office acts as a designated Office does not require the furnishing, under Article 22, by the applicant of a copy of the international application.

4. TIME LIMITS for entry into the national phase

For the designated Office(s) listed above, and unless a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (see Article 39(1)), the applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, **subject to what is said in the following paragraph**, be 20 MONTHS from the priority date.

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It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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A means	General for the prior art, technological background.
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E means	Older applications under §3, Para. 2, Patent Law (for searches under §43, Patent Law) / earlier patent or utility model applications under §15, Utility Model Law (for searches under §7, Utility Model Law).
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Column: Explanations

The explanations and relevant passages indicated in the search proceedings are indicated separately in this column of the cited printed publication. The abbreviations and symbols used when a printed publication is cited mean:

Publication:	Date of publication of a printed publication in the priority interval
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Column: Claims Involved

The claims assigned to the comments cited in the column "Explanations" are indicated here.

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